

Re:  memo on Joint Terrorist Center

Subsequent to A1's preparing this memo, he talked with Bob Gates. Bob asked me to let you know that he told A1 about State's proposal. (Bob said he had discussed this with you.) Bob said that A1 agreed the State option might be worth pursuing.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
FROM:   
Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
SUBJECT: Joint Analysis on Terrorists

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1. Yesterday afternoon I received a telephone call from Oliver North, who had just heard from Bud McFarlane on Air Force One. Bud was very much concerned about the status of a Joint Analysis Center on Terrorism that apparently had been proposed a couple of months ago, and according to North had been supported by both you and John. (C)

2. This Center, according to North, had been designed along the lines of the CAJIT; i.e., would include analysts, photo interpreters, and SIGINT/HUMINT experts, as necessary, to do an in-depth, round-the-clock analysis on terrorism. For your further background, this type of analytical facility was considered last fall after the Beirut Marine bombing. It was rejected in lieu of the current FLASHBOARD system, which is a means whereby we can tie together each Agency's current terrorist analytical centers by electronic means. It is my own perception from talking to North that McFarlane (and I presume the President) would want to go further than FLASHBOARD and create a dedicated twenty-four-hour analytical center. There could be some objections from those who are reluctant to share sensitive sources and methods in an all-source, integrated center; but, it is my own recommendation to you that the combined center approach should be fully supported. (S/NF)


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3. I discussed this concept with the Department of Defense this morning (the Chairman's office and DIA), and the combined center approach would have their full support, including dedicated analysts. (S/NF)

4. I have not talked to Bob Gates or Claire George to get their views on this matter, but have calls into them and will suggest that they respond directly to 

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